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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, the 21st August, at 3 o'clock pm, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to 21st August, both days inclusive.

THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 31, 1899.

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HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel, on MONDAY, the 21st August, 1899, at Noon, for the purpose of Receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 30th June, 1899, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matters that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 29, 1899.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Offices, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of August, 1899, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the required Majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased to the sum of \$100,000 by the issue of 30,000 New Shares of \$10 each, which shall be considered part of the Original Capital and be subject to the provisions in the Articles of Association contained with reference to Capital Transfer transmission, his surrender voting power and otherwise and that the Directors be authorized to issue such New Shares as part.

2. That the said New Shares be offered to the Persons who on the 16th day of September, 1899, shall be Registered Members of the existing Shares in the proportion of a New Share for each existing Share held by them.

By Order of the Board,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 3, 1899.

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LONDON, &c. Chusan +..... E. STREET Noct., 2nd Sept.
LONDON..... Foochow..... A. G. CURRIE, R.N.R. About 7th Sept.
YOKOHAMA, Via NAKSI & KOBE, Cambria +..... W. H. HAUGHTON, R.N.R. About 13th Sept.

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, August 10, 1899.

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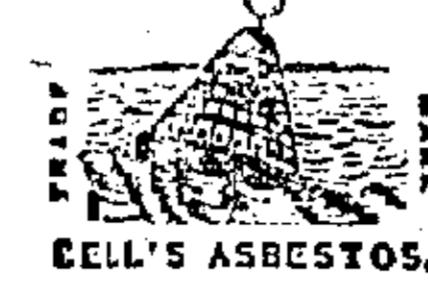
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Hongkong, July 24, 1899.

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Hongkong, August 19, 1899. 1891

To-day's Advertisements

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND Declared for the Half Year ending 30th June last, at the Rate of ONE POUND AND TEN SHILLINGS Stg per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 21st August Current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager,

Hongkong, August 19, 1899. 1891

WANTED.

A MANAGER for the INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS must be recruited with BOOKKEEPING.

Apply by Letter, stating terms expected to the HON. SECRETARY, at the Institution 2 Praya Central.

ARCH. RITCHIE,

Sec'y. Secretary,

Hongkong, August 19, 1899. 1891

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Hongkong, August 19, 1899. 1891

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Proceedings to be

No. 1868 1899.

E. PUKEERA MAHOMED, of 48, Hollywood Road, Victoria Hongkong, Broker.

Receiving Order dated 27th July, 1899.

Petition dated 6th July, 1899.

Notice of First General Meeting of Creditors.

No. 1899.

For the above-named PUKEERA MAHOMED.

WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of Aug., 1899, at 12 o'clock Noon, precisely, has been fixed for the First General Meeting of Creditors in the new Matter, to be held at the Official Receiver's Office, Land Office, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforementioned. No creditor can sue unless he previously proves his debt.

Proof of Debt and Proxy can be obtained at the Official Receiver's Office during Office hours.

At the First General Meeting the Creditors will be asked to consider whether the Debtor shall be adjudged Bankrupt or whether they, the creditors, will entertain a proposal for a Composition or Scheme of Arrangement.

Dated this 18th day of August, 1899.

BRUCE SHEPPARD,

1870, Esq., Official Receiver and Trustee.

Mitsui Bussan Keisha,

No. 6, Ice House Street, Provo Central.

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Hongkong, August 18, 1899. 1891

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship CHI-CHI.

Captain WILLIAMS will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 21st Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents,

Hongkong, August 19, 1899. 1891

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

ALTERATION.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship HAIMUN.

Captain DAVIS, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 21st Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAIRAK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 19, 1899. 1891

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship WUHUA.

Captain BENSON, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 21st Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, August 19, 1899. 1891

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

ALTERATION.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship CHINGTU.

Captain WILLIAMS, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 5th September, at Noon.

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Hongkong, August 19, 1899. 1891

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

IN Accordance with Article No. VIII, Paragraph 3 of the Articles of Association of the Company, Interest at the rate of \$10 per Annum is being CHARGED on all Unpaid CALLS.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, August 10, 1899. 1891

NOW READY.

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CONTAINS

H. E. Chang Chih-Tung on Reform in China.

China's Rights in Africa.

Early Portuguese Intercourse with China.

North American Languages.

The Ancient College of China.

Why Study Manchu?

Notes and Queries, Etc.

Vessel's Advertised as Loading.

Destination. Vessel. Agents. Date of Leaving.

Australia Ports. Kasuga Maru (s) Nippon Yusen Kaiishi. Aug. 25, at 4 p.m.

Australian Ports. Australian (s) Gibb Livingston & Co. Sept. 1, at 4 p.m.

Australian Ports. Cimceto (s) Butterfield & Swire, 10 a.m.

Bremen & Ports of Cali (Praesens (s)) Norddeutscher Lloyd. Sept. 13, at 9 a.m.

Faochow. Chineto (s) Butterfield & Swire. Aug. 25, at noon.

Hayre and Ha Long. Abra (s) Carlowitz & Co. Sept. 1, at 10 a.m.

Hayre and Ha Long. Nurnberg (s) Carlowitz & Co. Sept. 1, at 10 a.m.

Hayre and Ha Long. Saigon (s) Carlowitz & Co. About Oct. 5.

Kobé. Nankin (s) Carlowitz & Co. About Oct. 5.

Kobe and Yokohama. Haishun Maru (s) Nippon Yusen Kaiishi. Aug. 25, at 4 p.m.

London. Formosa (s) P. & O. N. Co. Aug. 25, at 4 p.m.

London. Bombay (s) P. & O. N. Co. About Aug. 25.

London & Ports of Call (Cunard (s)) P. & O. N. Co. About Sept. 2, at noon.

London v. Suic Com. Moncalvo (s) Butterfield & Swire. Aug. 25, at 10 a.m.

London v. Suic Com. Montero (s) Shaw, Tait, & Co. Aug. 25, at 10 p.m.

Manila. Diamante (s) Butterfield & Swire. Sept. 6.

Marsella v. Saigon. Gouyuan (s) Nippon Yusen Kaiishi. Aug. 25, at noon.

Marsella, London & Hongkong. Gouyuan (s) Nippon Yusen Kaiishi. Aug. 25, at 4 p.m.

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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 17th August, 1899.

THE TRANSVAAL DIFFICULTY.

There are various indications that purveyors of some kind tending to an agreement are proceeding with the Transvaal.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That there is not much to say further as to the Jubilee Road, except an expression of sympathy for the Jubilee Committee, and for the poor General Officers.

That your suggestion of calling a meeting of subscribers (European and Chinese), as to the advisability of going on with the Road in quarters which were not open to military objections, was a good one, because the 'rocky corner' might then have been left an open question.

That I cannot get rid of the notion that any person attempting to carry a road in any particular direction, in opposition to a distinct military view, is not a legal mode of circumventing the Jubilee's H.R.H. Victoriosus Majesty.

That one need not come to be led by the Jubilee Committee, or to the Colloquy when giving out such an idea.

That if there be nothing in the military situation then the delay may in time be increased, and, after all, the difficulties of the land come first.

That when many of the subscribers do not see it this, that the General Committee and the Executive Committee have simply sat down on their Committee, said they were bound by the opinion of certain 'legal luminaries' and could do nothing more than they have done.

That if they were trustees (as they say they were, though few would have thought so from their apathy), why did they not appeal to those who favoured them with the trust?

That these subscribers who have not been consulted will always have a grievance, whether the difficulty is solved—or the delay in the construction of any section of the road, if the deadlock continues; and for the apparently weak loyal sentiment shown by the persistent objections made in the face of the War Office warnings.

That the only General whose services could be called in are those of General Barker; and, anyway, the appeal to the Secretary of State for the Colonies is generally regarded as pure moonshine.

That the half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is now regarded as more of a 'Bank holiday,' or landmark, than any other comparable event in the Colony.

That a wag said the Hongkong Bank was going ahead, and was to day at full speed on the side-wheel system.

That I suppose he meant the seconder of the report was one *shepherd*, and the proposer of the Directors' appointment was another *shepherd*.

That, whichever way you take the progress of the Hongkong Bank, it will, to my thinking, be the most important motor-car in the future of China. That we British have had.

That an old shrewd Mr. Bell has passed through all the vicissitudes of the Bank, must have been inclined to knock through the floor of the St. Andrew's Hall out of sheer delight, when he heard the speech of Mr. Gray, the Chairman of the Board.

That the market value of the shares is one thing, the sound condition and resources of this great banking institution are another.

That success in this banking business has led, under able guidance, to the establishment of an institution (so power) which may do more for the regeneration of the Chinese Empire than all the action of the Legations and Customs Inspector-Generals which Peking has yet seen.

That, of course, is the political side of the question, but it must be remembered that the financial factor of any question is, in these days, the power which generally wins.

That it is no good to trumpet the financial success of the HK. & S.C., as that has already made itself felt, and as Mr. E. S. Wheeler said, is a source of satisfaction to the public generally, as well as to the shareholders.

That, as you may note, I have gone one better than Mr. Wheeler to this effect, that the British Banking and financing preparations are much more advanced and better timed than the arrangements which he had to make by Her Majesty's Government.

That this leads me to refer to the prevalence of piracy in Chinese waters which threatens to check or close up our trade with the inland waters of South China.

That, at the present moment, it does not seem as if our Government at Home realises the importance of this question, as so many (perhaps) more important matters occupy their attention.

That, all the same, the unanimous opinion of those on the spot is that we are missing a golden opportunity if we fail now to help the native states against piracy and kidnapping.

That the Chamber of Commerce deserve every credit for the steady and open-minded attitude it has taken in this most important matter.

That I hope the Chinese tailor is now and again excessively humorous in his debit memo.

That it has not yet been known how he debits a set of 'putties' to an officer of the regular auxiliary forces.

That some time since—depends with not when or where—a Celestial sailor rendered a bill to a disguised ecclesiastic as 'one pair racing breeches.'

Treat I have every reason to believe the bill was paid, and no questions asked.

That I hear the A.D.C. has given up 'Dorothy' and elected to play 'The Yeoman of the Guard.'

That it is not common outside to say these things should or should not take place—the only point being that the A.D.C. are, as in days of yore, to give us wholesome entertainment.

That, under present management, good reason can undoubtedly be given for the change; and I can only wish the greatest success to the new selection.

That the novelty of the out-door performance of 'As You Like It' should be a new experience to many residents, and also to many of the amateurs.

That a correspondent asks about the rating (not the raising) of life, and all that can be said is, the new Ordinance is coming along like Christmas.

BROWNE.

NEVER KNOWN CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY TO FAIL.

REV. J. M. Yippings pastor of the Redford Street Methodist church at Cumberland Rd., Md., says: 'It affords me much pleasure to recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I have used it and know others who have done so. I have never known it to fail. It is a sure cure when taken in time.' For sale by All Dealers. Watkins & Co., General Agents.

CHUTNEY.

(Manufactured by the Firm of Irresponsible Chutter & Co.)

The office to hoist the gorgeous blazon of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps at the camp of exercises this year will, the Firm supposes, be, as per usual, the youngest of the officers gazetted. There have been quite a number in the running this year for the coveted distinction, but, unless another new company is formed, Lieutenant Duncan will have the honor of providing the always-thirsty citizen soldiers with the always-necessary liquid nourishment. Hoots, toots, mow, d'yek!

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It fell to our lot the other day to have to investigate one of these little narrow lanes between the block of houses which fringes the upper edge of Queen's Road Central. At a moderate computation there must have been four or five cardinals of eccentric festering filth in that small lane leading nowhere in particular. It is this sort of thing that breeds the plague and typhoid in our midst. And yet they tell us that Victoria is the grave of its sanitary guard, in the best sanitised city of Sue.

Fa pote Heretem.

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The firm must again make bold to differ with 'Kain'. In the days when the Boxer War was fought, the Dutchmen were mostly armed with Winchester repeating rifles of the heavier pattern, and these were evidently good up to five hundred yards, but beyond that distance extremely unreliable. We have shot over the last part of the ground between Devil's Pass and the Hoos-hoo Falls and from the Drackensberg to Ooiep in Namaqualand, and have never yet seen a Boer or anybody else being down running game at a thousand yards.

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The remarks in the *China Mail* concerning the necessity for a fire engine in Kowloon have struck the Junior as being frivolous. He asks: What the devil do they want with a fire engine? They're running up buildings all over the place so close together that if a fire does occur it would probably play itself out, masked by trees and bushes.

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This would necessitate repairing the road round Mount Davis once every century or so, but, hang the expense the firm will even undertake to keep that portion of the road in thorough repair as a going concern. What does the Committee say to this?

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Gassy is thus eloquent over L'Affaire Dreyfus and the recent shooting in the back of that much-injured officer's counsel:—

Cowards and dogs who hunt a man. Yet dare not face attack, but wait until the moment come. Testabum in the back, In history's page you soon shall see. And curse you for your infamy.

We shall have to put a kickingstrap on Gassy presently.

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The firm have noted, not without surprise, that wherever a Crown Colony exists with the British flag a Police grievance exists also. On the West Coast of Africa, the Straits Settlements, Hongkong, and elsewhere, 'the Policeman's lot is not a happy one.' He complains, and justly, that the facts of the case as represented to him by the recruiting agents at Home, constitute a picture of blissful beatitude, strangely at variance with the conditions of life in the places to which he is sent. The Firm are well aware of the practice which has existed for so long, and are of opinion that it is a criminal offence to obtain goods or money by false pretences, obtaining men by the same questionable means should be punishable with a long term of imprisonment and a liberal application of the Cat-o'-Nine-Tails.

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The Junior who goes much into Society, with a big S., is responsible for the following snarling angelots which he professes to have overheard at a recent tennis-party:

Mrs. De Bluffing, choppingly:—And is my still in your department? Mr. Horned-De-Puff:—Dear me, no, he's in the golf. Mrs. De B.:—Dear me! What has he been doing?—Collapsing of Mrs. De Puff.

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With regard to the recent seizures of arms and ammunition, in which quite a number of poor ignorant devils of bastinom have been made to pay the piper, has it that the men who caused the wings to be plucked where they were found have not been seized and summarily dealt with? There must not be a few such individuals in Hongkong engaged in this injurious traffic, and who probably drop their terms pictures into the Church plate on Sunday with a cheerful consciousness of something attempted, something done during the previous week, who would be all the better if they were bowled out and shown to the world as the sun-faced hypocrites they are.

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JAPANESE OFFICIALS AND THE BANDITI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TAIWANPOO, August 14.

On April 21, you printed the following sentences from me: 'From several ancestral clear state reports about the Japanese Authorities making peace with the han-litti, and allowing these same banditti pretty much to dictate their own terms. It does seem strange that responsible Japanese officials and Chinese gentry of a certain town should appoint a meeting place with banditti, and discuss the terms on which these banditti were to be allowed to every one of their nefarious calling. It is strange, but such is the report. I have no proof of its accuracy, and I mention it simply because the same report comes to me from very different sources.'

At that time I could scarcely believe these reports. Recently, however, I have got proofs which seem to put the matter beyond all doubt. At the present moment it seems that a large portion of Formosa is governed not by the Japanese at all, but by robber chieftains. A couple of years ago things were settling down quietly. Everyone had confidence in the then Governor-General Ienzen Fogi. For some reason or other, he was suddenly recalled, and from that time onwards the Island went from bad to worse till the end of last year, when the whole Island was in a state of anarchy. I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting H.E. Governor-General Kuroda, who is present with another excellent Englishman, Mr. T. G. Parker, to whom permission is given to have a residence place 10 miles to Reserve, making it up to £1,000,000, while £250,000 of Property Account, and even £600,000 of Proprietary Account, is held by the Bank.

Lim Sian-Nian regards this as his important. The only highway from Hongkong to the south passes through this territory, and it is said that his armed followers

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4. From now onwards you and your followers undertake to lead peaceful lives. Outside your lands if any one harasses you, or your followers or produces the Japanese authorities shall impinge into the matter, and if found true shall inform you of the same. You then undertake to arrest and hand over the offenders to the said authorities for punishment.'

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In the event of law-breakers or people trying to avoid payment of taxes, seeking refuge in your territory, the authorities of the offender's district shall inform you of the same, and you hereby undertake to release all such on receiving proof from you that they are your men.

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With regard to yourself, your retainers, and their families, whose names and surnames are known to us, we hereby pardon all former offences. With regard to those who are not known in the event of their being arrested by the Japanese police, before trying or punishing, we shall allow several days for you to inform us of such, and on receipt of your testimony they shall be liberated.'

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The last sentence of the above is the most important. The Chinese have been given a chance to settle their accounts with the Japanese.

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